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During April

County set for cancer crusade

By Frances H. Paulette

April is American Cancer Crusade Month and Sunday, April 4 has been designated as Cancer Sunday.

"Initiating the American Cancer Society Fund Drive in Appomattox, will be a county-covered prayer in many of the area churches," said Mrs. Janet Noble, Crusade Chairman.

"In the past," continued Mrs. Noble, "Appomattox County residents have come through with generous donations because they are aware that the American Cancer Society works both in research and in local assistance."

The goal set for Appomattox County this year is $7,100.

The Virginia Division, American Cancer Society, estimates that 17,000 new cases of cancer will be discovered in 1982 and that 8,700 Virginians will die from the disease. Lung cancer continues to be the major cause of death his year accounting for 2,500 deaths statewide and 111,000 nationally.

"The good news is that for all cancers combined, the cancer death rate is really going down," said Arthur B. Frazier, M.D., president of the Virginia Division. "The bad news is that the rise in lung cancer deaths make it appear as if medical science is making little progress in controlling cancer," he continued.

"Many people have been assisted in 1981-82 by the area American Cancer Society office," said Mrs. Noble.

Six individuals have been given information and referral; transportation costs were paid for five persons; four cancer patients were given emergency financial assistance; five individuals were assisted in Reach To Recovery Rehabilitation Assistance Program.

"The greatest assistance comes to the county through the Loan Closet, housed partially in the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad Building and at the Appomattox Rexall Drug Store," commented Mrs. Noble.

"In 1981 and up to date, 162 items have been provided for Appomattox citizens," added Mrs. Noble.

During the fiscal year 46 adults took advantage of educational programs offered. Likewise, 2,070 students at the Appomattox County High School Division were involved in programs sponsored by the American Cancer Society. This included the Great American Smokeout.

Of the total amount raised each year, the greatest sum goes to medical research and informational material to the mass public.

Between January 1981 and January 1982, the American Cancer Society awarded $1,765,237 in research grants to Virginia institutions. The University of Virginia received $1,276,128 and $489,109 went to the Medical College of Virginia. The total American Cancer Society research budget nationwide was a record $51 million in 1981.

Approximately 85 volunteers will be calling on county residents. In the event any person is overlooked, contributions may be mailed to The American Cancer Society, Box 505, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

'Cane' sale set

LIONS LLOYD VAUGHAN AND MARVIN J. HOUSE are ready for the White Cane sale to be held on Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3. Help the Lions help the blind. Buy a cane with a generous donation. (PHOTO BY Allen Austin)

Herbert Pulliam passes away

Herbert Carrington Pulliam, 86, business and civic leader in Appomattox died Saturday, March 27 in a Lynchburg nursing home. He had been in declining health for several years. He was the husband of Bessie Dowdy Pulliam.

Born in Appomattox County on June 1, 1895, he was a son of the late William Vaughter Pulliam and Sallie Pulliam Blinkley.

He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church, an active farmer and veteran of World War I. For many years he was active in business and civic affairs of the community. He was former owner of Pulliam Motor Sales, the Appomattox Telephone Company. He served as a director of the Bank of Appomattox and continued in this capacity when the bank became Fidelity American. In 1969 he served as member of the Board of Public Welfare for the County of Appomattox. A 50-year plus Mason, he was a member of Monroe Masonic Lodge 301, AF&AM, a charter and life member of American Legion Post 104, a charter member of Appomattox Lions Club and had been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel. He owned riding academies at Longwood College and the state parks of Virginia during the '30's.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a son, Herbert Carrington Pulliam, Jr. of High Point, North Carolina and three grandchildren.

A Masonic service was held at Robinson Funeral Home on Sunday evening. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Memorial United Methodist Church by the Rev. P. Edward Leonard, Jr. Burial was in the Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Line-flush set here

The town will flush all water lines north, east and west of the Norfolk and Western Railroad line April 7 and 8, according to Appomattox Town Manager Bill Britton.

Britton notes that the town water will be slightly off-color during that period of time, and asks that citizens "work with us" during the line-flushing operation.

Britton notes that the water lines must be cleaned and sanitized periodically in order to assure cleanliness.

School Board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet Wednesday, April 7, at 8 a.m. in the county school board office on Main Street, Appomattox.

Included on the agenda are consideration of returning the Pamplin School to the Board of Supervisors at the end of this school session, an update on the 1982-83 school budget, and review of the normal monthly reports.

Boosters to meet

The Appomattox County High School Athletic Boosters Club will meet Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

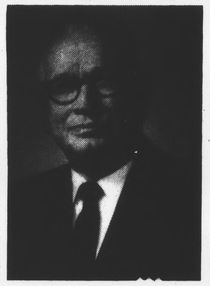
All members and interested persons are asked to attend this meeting.

Survey cooperation requested

Appomattox Town Council members request that town residents work with the surveyors during the town's current boundary-definition project, according to Town Manager Bill Britton.

"We ask the citizens' cooperation in allowing the surveyors to place the necessary monuments to define the town boundaries," Britton says.

Britton adds that the surveyors will work with the citizens to insure that the boundaries satisify the landowner.



Herbert Carrington Pulliam

In Appomattox

Legion cites 63 years' service

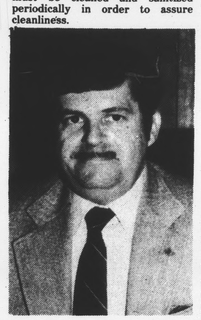
On Saturday evening, March 27, approximately 75 members and guests celebrated the 63rd birthday of the American Legion at Appomattox American Legion Post 104, with a dinner and program.

The guest of honor was The Honorable W.C. (Dan) Daniels, 5th District Representative in Congress. Also honored were the only two surviving Post members who are WWI veterans and charter members of the Appomattox Post 104, Mr. Clarence Agee and Mr. George W. Wooldridge.

Congressman Daniels is also a Past National Commander of the American Legion and is quite familiar with the programs and problems of the American Legion. His speech focused on the current budget problems in Washington, and the on-going need to provide an adequate defense budget in relationship to our gross national product and our social-economic programs. He also gave an enlightening report on the final outcome of the Vietnam Memorial, currently being constructed in Washington, which will honor those who served as well as those killed or missing in Vietnam.

Post Commander and Vietnam veteran, Dennis E. Gragg, responded with the final thought, "I hope that the Vietnam memorial will be a continuing reminder to our congressman that never in this nation's future will they ask our youth to committ to and fight a war that the Congress of the United States of American is not prepared to see through to the end."

DENNIS GRAGG, (left), is shown presenting a plate commemorating the 63rd birthday of the American Legion to guest speaker, The Honorable W. C. (Dan) Daniel at birthday dinner celebration held at the American Legion building on Saturday evening, March 27. (Photo by Frances Paulette)



IN LAST WEEK'S TIMES-VIRGINIAN, the headline over the story on page 1 concerning Ronald C. Spiggle's appointment to the Board of Transportation Safety read, Spiggle Named To Water Control Board; we regret the error. It should have read, Spiggle named to Transportation Safety Board.

At Holiday Lake

New officers elected

Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Inc. elected new officers at the organization's annual membership council, and five directors who will serve two year terms beginning January 1, 1983 were also named.

New officers are: Preston R. Willson, president; Mrs. Virginia Bailey, vice president; Barbara Board, Secretary; and Robert Feagans, treasurer. Newly elected directors are Scott Dawson and J. A. Nolen, Appomattox County; Roger Dove, Prince Edward County; S. B. Land, Mecklenburg County; Mrs. Nancy Bailey, Charlotte County; and Dennis Stultz, Lunenburg County.

Keynote speaker for the meeting was Dr. Mitch Geasler, interim dean for extension service at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Construction is progressing on the Center's first $120,000 major project, which includes a swimming pool, bath houses, fencing, and relocation of the horse ring. A new utility building for the camp has already been completed. Lease on the camp property, which has been expanded to 157.8 acres, has been renewed until the year 2080 by the U. S. Forestry Service. When completed, the Center will be a year-round camp and meeting facility for 4-Her's and other groups such as churches, government agencies, and businesses.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Gradually, Spring is winning the weather battle. But not by concession. A friend reported a temperature reading of 17 Sunday morning. And without doubt 'twas frost I scraped off the car windshield, the same frost that wilted blooming flowers in my garden. But green is gaining control. I have nine packets of garden seed ready and any day now will try out the lawnmower.

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A guided tour will bring a number of Civil War buffs to Appomattox Saturday, as the group follows the line of Lee's Retreat from Petersburg to the McLean House. It took the Army of Northern Virginia seven days to make that fateful retreat.

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Thanks to my friend, Harry G. Lawson for bringing me some Texas newspapers. He was attending a meeting of the board of directors of Woodmen of the World recently and brought me The Houston Chronicle and the Harlingen Valley Morning Star. I read every line, including the ads. What is a "fajitas." $1.59 per pound at Heb's. The grand champion steer of the 43rd Rio Grande Livestock Show sold for $18,975, which meant $15 per pound. Black Angus-Limousin. Good reading, from good newspapers, brought by good friends.

The modern newspaper has a fascinating history. For centuries messages were preserved by stone carvings. Then painted on parchment, and after the invention of paper, were copied, oh so slowly, by hand. Then the printing press was invented, but it took so long to set up a page of type. The largest newspapers were only four to eight pages. A German by the name of Ottmar Mergenthaler came to the USA in 1872 and before the turn of the century invented a machine to set type....the Linotype. Thomas A. Edison called it "The Eighth of the World." I mention it because I owned two such machines at **The Times-Virginian**, mastered their operation and also because Mergenthaler has just been elected to The National Inventor's Hall of Fame, which includes Edison, Marconi, Morse and the Wright Brothers.

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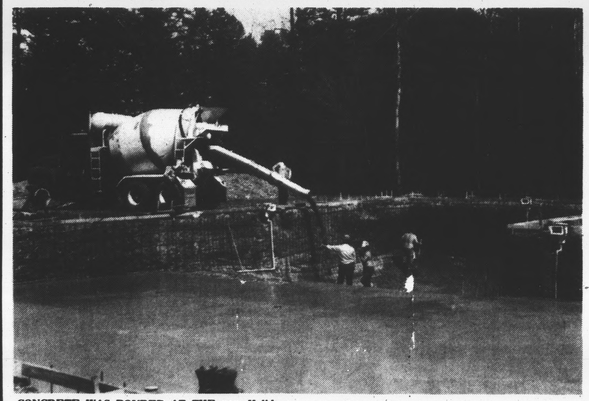
Basketball is winding down for this season and baseball is around the corner. I was for Virginia or North Carolina in basketball and will stick with the Yankees in baseball, although the Yanks had a miserable record in exhibition games. Some colleges have begun spring football practice.

I had occasion to visit a class at Appomattox County High School last week and came away with great respect for the quality of the school itself, teachers and students. Also got two copies of The Raider Report, the school paper which is issued every other month. One issue had a splendid tribute and salute to Gordon Bragg, veteran coach and teacher. He has been at the school 34 years! It was during my tenure at the **Times-Virginian** that we decided to name the school football field "Bragg Stadium." Tax money spent on school is an investment making us proud of each succeeding generation. Thanks for reading and seeya around.



CONCRETE WAS POURED AT THE new Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center swimming pool this week. Work on the new facility is progressing nicely, according to Don Jimison, director of the center. Jimison says that the contractor should have no difficulty meeting the May 15 completion deadline.